

THE NEWS.
Telegraphic News

WASHINGTON.

More Trouble With the Greeks.
WASHINGTON, December 19.—The following dispatch from Agent Tufts, Muscogee, Indian Territory, was received at the Indian Bureau today: "Today the Creek Council inaugurated Spachiche Chief. Perryman, the present Chief, refuses to give away."

Who Wants a Mint?
WASHINGTON, December 17.—The question of a new mint is up again. Thus far the friends of New York and of Louisville alone seem to be doing the work. In the last Congress it was proved, at least to the satisfaction of those who submitted the evidence, that Cincinnati was in the exact center of the mint vacuum, and that everything necessary to the coinage of money had been lavishly provided by the hand of nature. But if Cincinnati really wants a mint this evidence will have to be presented to the new Congress.

Report on Petroleum in Russia.
WASHINGTON, December 20.—Fulton Paul, U. S. Consul at Odessa, Russia, forwarded the State Department a report of petroleum development in Russia, in which he says: "The residue of the oil is much greater than that found in the States, and besides being converted into benzine, gasoline and various other useful products, it is used as fuel, with steam jet, on locomotives, and also on steamers on the Caspian Sea, the Volga and other rivers, and experiments in progress are to utilize it in new torpedo boats now in course of construction in the Russian Navy. Crude oil is also used to sprinkle the streets of Baku, and is much more effective than water in laying the terrible dust that exists there."

Notes.
Setoldo, the newly-appointed Charge D'Affaires of the Venezuelan Government, has presented his credentials to the Secretary of State.
Mrs. Curtis, who has been through the Western States examining into the health of the hogs, for the Commission recently appointed to inquire into the subject of trichina, reports that, as far as investigations have proceeded, he finds that the health of the Western hog is remarkably good, and that less trichina exist than has been supposed.
St. Louis has moved in the matter of a mint, to the extent of having a bill introduced on the 19th, providing for locating one in that town. As yet Ohio has not indicated any interest in this particular industry.

DOMESTIC.

Attempted Jail Delivery.
PITTSBURG, PENN., December 19.—A dispatch from Greensburg, thirty miles east of this city, says that five prisoners made a desperate attempt to escape this morning. They had previously been detected in an attempt to escape, and had been chained to the floor to prevent further trouble. They were quiet the first part of the night, but about two o'clock this morning they made a bold dash for liberty, breaking their chains from the floor and bursting open the doors. They assaulted the guards, but did no harm. Each time breaking loose, they were only kept secure till morning at the point of a revolver by the guards. The parties are John Noble, who attempted to kill an old man named Cauley recently at Scottsdales, Robert Herpolt, Thomas Taylor and Samuel Brewer, indicted for robbery, and a negro named Frank Jones, indicted for burglary.

Suicidal Attempt of a Murderer.
ATLANTA, GA., December 18.—Today Henry Curry, a colored murderer, while exercising along the jail corridor, made a jump from the floor to the floor below, fracturing his skull by the concussion, and is not expected to live through the night. A year ago Curry became enamored of the wife of a negro named Daniels. The pair agreed to get rid of the husband. Cautiously entering the unsuspecting negro's room as he lay asleep, Curry dealt him a blow with an axe, splitting his head in two, and immediately made his escape. For nine months he was without news, when an Atlanta colored woman disclosed his hiding place in South Carolina. He was promptly arrested and confined in Walton County jail. In connection with the jail was placed in Fulton jail for safe-keeping, where finding escape impossible made the desperate attempt at suicide.

Sudden Death of General Cram.
PHILADELPHIA, PA., December 20.—Brevet Major-General Thomas Jefferson Cram, Colonel of the Engineer Corps, United States Army, retired, died suddenly in a Chestnut-street horse-car this afternoon. On his way down town General Cram got on the car at Nineteenth and Chestnut streets. The car was partly filled with passengers, and he sat next to a lady. Crossing Broad street the old gentleman was seized by a fit, and he fell forward, his head striking the top of the car. Examination showed that heart disease was the cause of death.

Was It Suicide?
St. Louis, December 18.—The dead body of W. J. Pierson was found in bed in a room in the Planter's House. His loaded pistol and a number of letters were lying on the table. There was no mark of violence about the body, and no vital of poison was found in the room. To all appearances the man had died a natural death. An examination of his effects at the Four Courts, after the body had been taken to the morgue, revealed the fact that Pierson had formerly been postmaster at Batesville, Ark., one of the largest Post-offices in the State, and that he was a defaulter to a large amount.

Died With a Fortune in His Pockets.
ATLANTA, GA., December 20.—This morning Mrs. Steel, alarmed at the prolonged absence of her father, Dr. R. W. Wadley, brother of the late President Wadley, of the Georgia Central, went to his room, and effecting forcible entrance, found him dead. On his person was found in money and railroad stocks over \$70,000. The inquest developed heart disease as the cause of death.

DOUBLE CRIME.

A Lady Outraged in a Hotel and Her Throat Cut.

The Villain Captured and Jailed, Amid Threats of Lynching.

JOLIET, ILL., December 19.—This morning, about two o'clock, cries of "help!" "murder!" were heard on the second floor of the Auburn House, of this city. The boarders were aroused, and the night clerk rushed upstairs just in time to see the head cook Mrs. Jane Haycock, fall to the floor with blood streaming down over the front of her night-dress. Investigation developed the fact that George Freestone, a young man twenty-three years of age, who was one of the boarders, had entered Mrs. Haycock's room, and bound her head to prevent her screams, and then outraged her person. When he had finished his fiendish work he started to leave the room, when Mrs. Haycock, recovering her senses, gave vent to the screams. The villain then went to conceal what he had done, and prevent exposure. Freestone rushed back, drew a large knife, and deliberately cut the outraged woman's throat and fled, supposing he had killed her. Officers were summoned and in a few minutes the culprit was under arrest. His hands were covered with the blood of his victim, yet he still protested his innocence, declaring that the blood on his person was from nose-bleeding. He was given a preliminary examination this morning, and held to answer to the January term of the Circuit Court. His victim is now hovering between life and death, but every effort is being made to save her life. The affair has aroused the most intense excitement, and talk of lynching the fiend is freely expressed.

Burned to Death in a Wrecked Train.
BURLINGTON, ILL., December 19.—Passenger train No. 1 on the C. B. & Q. ran into the rear end of passenger train No. 5 at Gladstone, Ill., this evening, telescoping a Pullman car, which ignited and was completely destroyed. Richard Somers, superintendent of the dining car service of Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railway, of Chicago, was instantly killed, and his body burned almost beyond recognition. Six other passengers were more or less injured, but none probably fatally. The two coaches were consumed. The loss is about \$50,000. The engineer of No. 1 did not see the rear lights on No. 5.

Caseless Murder in Illinois.
CARM, ILL., December 20.—About six o'clock this evening, while at supper in a restaurant, Enoch Ballentine, of this city, was shot in the head by Will C. Sanders, a young farmer, who resides near Cassville, in this county. There was no quarrel, and but few words passed. Sanders was in liquor, and it is supposed that an old grudge on account of a difficulty two or three years since prompted him to fire the shot. Sanders attempted to escape, but was held by Mr. Bollerman, the proprietor of the restaurant, and an officer soon arrived and took him to jail. The physicians say that Ballentine can not recover.

A Court Clerk Indicted.
PITTSBURG, PENN., December 19.—The Grand Jury to-day returned a true bill against Arch. H. Rowland, jun., Clerk of Courts, on one of the indictments against him for embezzlement. The indictment is found from the information covering Mr. Rowland's first term of office, and charges a defalcation to the amount of \$41,755.39. There is a second indictment, still before the Grand Jury, covering Mr. Rowland's entire time in office, and charging a defalcation of over \$46,000. Mr. Rowland, who still contends that the prosecution is for political purposes, says he is glad the true bill was returned, that he is certain he will be acquitted by the petit jury, and will demand a speedy trial.

Robbery and Incendiarism.
FLOWER, MICH., December 18.—Early yesterday morning robbers entered the house of S. P. Creasinger, a wealthy resident of Maple Rapids, chloroformed him, ransacked the premises and secured about \$2,500 in cash, and a quantity of valuables, and then undertook to cover up their tracks by setting fire to the house immediately below the room in which the proprietor lay. He recovered from the influence of the drug in time to escape, though the house was wrapped in flames, and burned to the ground with its contents. Loss \$23,000; insurance \$15,000. Mr. Creasinger recognized one of the robbers, and search for them is now in progress.

A Fatal Practical Joke.
PARIS, ILL., December 18.—Sandford Norris, with other boys, arranged a practical joke by having his two brothers, Tod and Orlando, Winston Griffin, jr., and Ben McLaughlin steal some apples. Sanford Norris and the other boys were to be concealed, and, at the proper time, fire a gun in the air. Instead, by almost criminal fatality, the gun was pointed directly at the boys, who were close together. Tod Norris was mortally wounded, fired one shot and died soon after. Orlando Norris was seriously injured, as was Griffin and McLaughlin. It is thought Griffin will also die.

A Tragedy From Rejected Love.
St. Louis, December 20.—Henry Probst shot and seriously wounded Mary Hammer, at Wilderman Station coal mines, on the Cairo Short Line Railroad, three miles from Belleville, Ill., this afternoon, because she wouldn't marry him. He then fled to Belleville, where he was arrested. While in the grasp and struggling with the deputy sheriff, he attempted to shoot that officer over his shoulder, but the ball entered his own neck, killing him almost instantly.

Hanged With a Handkerchief.
DETROIT, December 17.—Mazius Ruby, a patient at the Wayne County Asylum for Insane, hung himself with a pocket handkerchief half past eight o'clock this morning. He was a painter and hailed from Detroit. He has a wife, but no children. He was thirty-five years of age, was melancholy, and on Friday and again this morning asked Dr. Bennett for poison. He was closely watched, but fifteen minutes before he was found dead he eluded his keeper and hanged himself.

Opening of the New Niagara Bridge.
SUSPENSION BRIDGE, N. Y., December 20.—The formal opening of the cantilever bridge to-day was a perfect success. The testing of its strength was by running on twenty locomotives and twenty-four cars loaded with gravel, which extended from end to end of the bridge on both tracks, but there was no apparent deflection. Levels were taken at intervals by a commission selected from three hundred engineers. Ten thousand people witnessed the opening. A banquet followed.

Slade Arrested, Bailed by Sullivan.
LAWRENCE, KAN., December 19.—Herbert Slade, the Maori, was arrested to-day by the Sheriff and Chief of Police and put behind the bars until this evening, when he was released. John L. Sullivan, going on his bond to keep the peace. Slade was drinking heavily all day, and his conduct became unruly.

Hot Blood at Hot Springs.

HOT SPRINGS, ARK., December 17.—This evening about four o'clock a most exciting and determined shooting affray occurred between two of our citizens, Major Doran, late of New Orleans, and Mr. Frank Flynn, of this city. Both men are looked upon as dead game, but though the conflict was close and five shots were discharged, neither party was wounded. It is generally understood that Doran did all the firing, Flynn retreating to a store near by, endeavoring to draw his pistol in the meantime. Doran retired a short distance, and Flynn advanced and challenged him to combat. The officers were promptly on hand, arrested both parties and prevented bloodshed.

Horse and Wagon Fell 300 Feet.
SHENANDOAH, PA., December 18.—A horse and wagon belonging to George F. Leitzel, fell three hundred feet down one of the many manholes surrounding Shenandoah, the other day. The driver escaped by jumping. The vehicle was broken to pieces, but the horse was only slightly injured. An effort made to hoist the animal out of the pit failed, and it had to be driven along the gangway to the bottom of the Keeley Run slope. After remaining in the mine all night it was taken out, strange to say, apparently in good condition.

Nail Factories Close Down.
PITTSBURG, PENN., December 19.—The Western Nail Association met this morning, and after a session lasting till two o'clock this afternoon, it was decided to close down for a period of six weeks from December 29th till February 11th. The meeting was one of the largest ever held, every mill in the West being represented by person or by letter. The stoppage is for the purpose of restricting production. Stocks are light, and ill-assorted. Trade is reported fair. The card rate remains unchanged.

Torn Limb From Limb.
PITTSBURG, PA., December 19.—James Weaver, a laborer, aged sixty, employed at Hussey Howe & Co.'s steel works, met with a horrible death this morning. He was passing through the machinery department, when his arm was caught in the belting and he was drawn into the machinery. Before he could be extricated he was torn limb from limb, portions of the body being scattered a distance of one hundred feet.

A Double Louisiana Tragedy.
CLINTON, LA., December 19.—Jim George, colored, residing five miles from here, returned home last night and found his daughter, aged seventeen, dead and another woman mortally wounded, the latter having been shot. The crime was committed by a man who called at the house, found the women in bed, and shot them both. Ed Eli, colored, has been arrested, and the suspicion against him is strong.

A Child Boiled to Death.
ERIE, PA., December 20.—A special dispatch says: Willie Badger, aged four years, son of Frederick Badger, of Bradford, Pa., fell into a boiler of scalding water at French Creek, N. Y., to-day, and was boiled to death.

Neck Broken.
CARBONDALE, ILL., December 20.—Mr. Stephen Cunningham, an elderly man, was this morning engaged in felling trees near town, on the farm of Mr. Donaway. By some mischance he was caught by a falling tree, his neck was broken, and he was mangled almost beyond recognition.

CABLEGRAMS.

Engagement Between French and Chinese at Santay.

Over 200 French and 1,000 Chinese Killed and Wounded.

HONG KONG, December 20.—The French have captured the principal outposts of Santay, embracing five strongly fortified villages. The enemy made a stubborn resistance. The French lost two hundred men and fifteen officers killed and wounded. Even while the Chinese loss is put at 1,000 men killed and wounded, Admiral Courbet, commanding, had seven thousand men, four thousand engaged in the action, the remainder in reserve. The Chinese still hold the fortress at Santay. The principal fighting occurred on the river bank. Several villages were captured at the point of the bayonet. The French marched within a mile of the citadel, but there will probably be very heavy fighting before they reach the place. The Chinese lost heavily from the shells of the fleet.
LONDON, December 20.—A dispatch from Hong Kong states the fight at Santay occurred on the 14th. Two outposts were captured, and the citadel surrounded by the French.

Execution of Joseph Poole.
DUBLIN, December 18.—Joseph Poole, the murderer of Kenney, was hanged here at 8 o'clock this morning. Kenney was killed by Poole on the night of July 4, 1882, in Seville Place, this city. Poole rose at 5:30. A priest visited him at 6, and administered the sacrament at 7:15. Both remained in the prison chapel until nearly 8. Poole stood the ordeal of the preparations for his execution with remarkable fortitude. On the gallows he frequently kissed the crucifix, and with a calm demeanor and in firm voice repeated his prayers until the drop fell. Death took place in three and half seconds. He made no public statement. A small crowd gathered outside the Richmond Bridewell, but dispersed as soon as the black flag made known the execution was over.

Sarah Barnhart on Her Muscle.
PARIS, December 19.—"Sarah Barnhart," a satirical biography of Sarah Barnhart, by her former friend, Marie Colombier, has caused a duel between friends of the women and a scandalous quarrel between the actress and the author. Sarah, incensed at being described as a "she Barnum," asked the police to seize the book. The police replied that she must seek redress in a civil tribunal. Sarah, with her son, proceeded on Tuesday to Colonel's residence and struck her in the face with a riding whip. Colombier fled, pursued by Sarah, who smashed everything in her way. Meanwhile the friends of the women indulged in a free fight in another part of the house. It is stated the affair will lead to a number of duels.

A Canadian State Official Insane.
TORONTO, December 20.—In the Chambers, to-day, an order was made declaring Adam Crooks, late Minister of Education for Ontario, a lunatic, and appointing a committee of his person and estate. He is at present in retreat at Hartford, Conn. The doctor says he has not over two years to live.

Notes.
The Spanish steamer, Manila, took fire a few days ago in the Bay of Biscay. Eighty-two of the crew and passengers were taken on board the English steamer, the second returned to the burning vessel but the third has not been heard from.

MR. JAMES AT HOME.

The Notorious Missouri Bandit Released and in the Hands of Friends.

Whatever May be the Final Outcome of It, He is Breathing Free Air Again.

St. LOUIS, December 21.—A dispatch from Independence, Mo., says: Frank James arrived here at 10 o'clock this morning from Gallatin, Mo. He was taken at once to his wife's boarding-house, where he was met by his family and several intimate friends. At 11 o'clock he was taken to the office of Judge J. H. Glover, and formally turned over to his bondsmen. James returned to his family and friends, where he remained until 12. Carriages were then announced, and Frank, accompanied by his bondsmen and attorney, left for Kansas City, Frank stating that he intended delivering himself up there to the United States Marshal, who wanted him for the Mussel Shoals (Ala.) robbery. He must have changed his mind about this, however, for when the train reached Kansas City, this afternoon the marshal had not the pleasure of meeting Frank, and his companions having left the train at some way station. It is now believed they are at the home of Mr. Ralston, the father of Frank's pretty wife, and that Frank intends remaining there during the Christmas holidays.

Capture of Santay in Nam.
PARIS, December 21.—Admiral Peyron, Minister of Marine, has received the following from Santay, dated 17th: "Santay is ours. The outer enclose was carried by assault at 6 o'clock Sunday evening. The assault began at 11 in the morning. An assault was made at 11 in the evening with bravery above all praise, by the foreign legion, together with the marine infantry and sailors. The citadel was evacuated during the night, and occupied on the morning of the 17th without fighting. We do not yet know whether the black flags, rebel Ananites, and Chinese fled, and it is impossible to learn their losses. We lost about fifteen killed, including one officer, and sixty wounded, including five officers. Admiral Courbet, in an official report, states that three officers and sixty-seven men were killed, and ten officers and 170 men wounded before Santay on the 14th. Admiral Courbet has been gazetted a grand officer of the legion of honor.

Commemorative of Judge Black.
WASHINGTON, December 21.—A meeting of the bar was held in the Supreme Court room to-day to take appropriate action in respect of the death of Judge Jere Black. Senator Edmunds was called to the chair, and McKenney chosed secretary. Eulogistic addresses were delivered by Messrs. Merrick, Emery, Ashton, and W. H. Smith, Senators Bayard, Vance, and Garland, and Representative Hopkins. Resolutions expressive of the high character and attainments of the deceased, and the great loss the country sustained by his death, were adopted.

Losing Her Life to Save Her Child.
BALTIMORE, MD., December 21.—Mrs. Gabriel Kiah, jr., residing near Cambridge, Md., discovered that her infant's clothing was on fire. Rushing to the rescue of the babe she succeeded in putting out the flames before the child had been seriously injured. In doing so, however, her own clothes took fire. She darted out of the house and ran across an adjoining field. A colored man ran to her assistance and succeeded in putting out the flames. She was burned in a dreadful manner and no hopes are entertained of her recovery.

A Woman's Murder Speedily Atoned.
BELLVILLE, ILL., December 21.—Henry Babst, a young German, fatally shot his sweetheart, Mary Hammen, at Winderman Station, yesterday afternoon and fled in the direction of this city. Overtaken by a Sheriff's posse he made a stand and threatened the officers, holding a cocked revolver. The Sheriff's son closed with Babst and made him throw up his revolver, and in doing so the weapon was discharged, the shot striking Babst, killing him instantly.

Killed by the Bursting of a Grindstone.
STRAVERT, ILL., December 21.—A blacksmith by the name of Alexander Jardin, of Wilmington, was at work at a large power grindstone to-day, when the stone burst, one of the pieces striking him in the head and knocking him down. He died from the injuries in a few hours.

Tells on His Chums.
MOUNT CARMEL, Pa., December 21.—Charles Weaver, a prisoner of Sunbury jail, has confessed his connection with a gang of burglars which has committed numerous depredations in this county, and given the names and addresses of all the members.

A Long Fight Against Death.
WIARTON, ONT., December 21.—Word is received from Tobemory, Lake Huron, of the wrecking on Manitoulin Island of the schooner D. S. Hungerford, of Buffalo. Her crew of six built a tent on the island and lived in it nineteen days, finally reaching Tobemory in an old fishing boat.

Fruit of the Gallows.
GEORGETOWN, S. C., December 21.—Jerry Cox, colored, was hanged for the murder of Herbert Rembert in June last. Cox protested his innocence to the last, showed no fear, and made a short speech on the scaffold.
GIDDINGS, TEX., December 21.—At 2:25 this afternoon Jim Taylor (colored) was hung for the murder of Sarah Chappell (colored). The execution was neat and quiet. Taylor made an incoherent speech of ten minutes, confessing his crime and expressing sorrow. A crowd of 3,000, mostly negroes, were present.

Cheap Rates From Europe.
NEW YORK, December 21.—The steamship lines have reduced third-class fares from Europe to \$20, owing to a war of rates.
ATTORNEY GENERAL BREWSTER left Washington on the 21st for New Orleans, where he will appear in the prosecution of the lottery cases.

The educational statistics of the British army show that out of every 1,000 soldiers 30 can neither read nor write, 28 can read but not write, 186 can read and write, while 756 are of superior education. Twenty years ago 194 could neither read nor write, 173 could read but not write, 641 could read and write, while 52 only were of superior education.

—Robert Henry, sexton of Grace Chapel, Brooklyn, goes up for two years for undertaking to secure pay for burying a soldier's child that he didn't bury. —Brooklyn Eagle.

XLVth CONGRESS.

First Session.

WASHINGTON, December 17.—SENATE.—Mr. Sherman offered a resolution that the Senate proceed to the election of officers. Ordered to lie over till to-morrow. A message received from the House announcing the death of Mr. Haskell, of Kansas, was immediately taken up, and after appropriate remarks by Mr. Ingalls, and on his motion, the President of the Senate appointed Senators Plumb, Cockrell and Davis a committee to attend the obsequies of the deceased Representative, and the Senate, out of respect to the deceased, adjourned.

HOUSE.—The Chaplain, in a few touching remarks, referred to the death of the Hon. D. C. Haskell, of Kansas, and invoked the divine blessing on the bereaved family. Mr. Anderson, of Kansas, said: It is with great regret I perform the sad duty of announcing to the House the death of my lamented colleague, Hon. Dudley C. Haskell, late Representative from Kansas, who died at his residence in this city early yesterday morning.

WASHINGTON, Dec 18.—SENATE.—The following bills were reported from committees and placed on the calendar: By Mr. Harrison—Providing for civil government for Alaska. By Mr. Hoar—In regard to the election of President and Vice-President. At the conclusion of the morning hour Mr. Sherman asked immediate consideration of the resolution offered yesterday that the Senate proceed to the election of officers, namely, Secretary of the Senate, Chief Clerk, principal Executive Clerk, Chaplain, and Sergeant-at-Arms. Agreed to—yeas 34, nays 30. The division was on strict party lines, Messrs. Mahone and Kilduff voting with the Republicans. Mr. Sherman moved that Mr. Anson G. McCook be chosen Secretary of the Senate. Mr. Pendleton moved to amend by substituting the name of Mr. L. Q. W. Washington. Lost—yeas 29, nays 32. The main resolution was agreed to, and Mr. Cook was sworn in. The remaining Republican nominees were elected, as follows: Chief Clerk, Charles W. Johnson, of Minnesota; Executive Clerk, James H. Young, of Pennsylvania; Chaplain, Rev. John P. Huntley, of the District of Columbia; Sergeant-at-Arms, W. P. Canaday, of North Carolina. The Senate went into executive session, and the doors reopened when the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the consideration of the new rules. The question pending was the adoption of the first new rule, relating to the election of President and Vice-President, and his right in case of absence to name a substitute, who should perform the duties of the chair for three days.

WASHINGTON, December 19.—SENATE.—The following bills were introduced: By Mr. Culom—To provide for the acceptance by the United States of the Illinois and Michigan Canal from the State of Illinois. By Mr. Fair—To provide for sinking artesian wells in the lands of the United States in Nevada. By Mr. Ingalls—To provide for the appointment of a commission to investigate railroad transportation. By Mr. Logan—To constitute the Bureau of Military Justice and Corps of Judges Advocate of the Army; also, a bill relating to the new standard of time for the District of Columbia. Passed. Mr. Van Wyck offered a resolution, calling on the Secretary of the Interior for information how much land had been ceded to the Government for the benefit of railroad companies since the date of the decisions of the Supreme Court in 1857, which so construed the indemnity clause in the Congressional grant as to allow indemnity lands only in lieu of lands originally included in the grant, but which were afterwards sold. Laid over for three days. A resolution for a holiday recess went over until to-morrow. The Senate resumed the consideration of unfinished business, the rules. Mr. Fry withdrew the call for yeas and nays on the clause of first rule, relating to the three-day limitation of the authority of the President in case of absence. The clause was rejected, leaving the rule about as heretofore; but when the rule comes up in the Senate when not in Committee of the Whole, the subject will be renewed. The Senate took up the House concurrent resolution for a holiday recess, amended it to make Monday, January 1, the date of reassembling. As an amendment and returned to the House. After an executive session adjourned.

WASHINGTON, December 19.—HOUSE.—Mr. Morrison offered a concurrent resolution for a holiday recess from Monday, December 24, until Thursday, the 3rd of January. Agreed to—143 yeas, 21 nays. The understanding that no business would be transacted Monday except the appointment of committees. Mr. Blackburn moved that the Committee on Labor report a resolution for the creation of the following select committees, with the same membership as the similar committees by the last Congress: Civil Service Reform; Law Respecting the Election of President and Vice-President; Payment of Pensions, Bounty and Sick Pay; Public Health, and the Bureau of Accouties of Hall of Representatives. Also, for the creation of a Committee on American Ship Building and Ship-owning, consisting of seven members, which shall investigate the causes for the decline of the American foreign carrying trade. Mr. Reed offered a concurrent resolution for the creation of a committee on the alcoholic liquor traffic. Mr. Blackburn also reported a resolution for raising the standing of the Committee on Labor, which will be referred measures affecting labor; limiting the jurisdiction of the Committee on Education and Labor, and providing it shall hereafter be known as the Committee on Education. Mr. Willis offered an amendment increasing the membership of the Committee on Education and Labor. Mr. Calkins offered a resolution, which was adopted, calling on the Secretary of State for all communications, documents and papers in his possession relating to the trial, conviction and execution of the late Patrick O'Donoghue by the British Government. The Speaker appointed Messrs. Hoblitzel, Cabell, Wilson (W. Va.), Kasson and Long members of a special committee to celebrate the centennial anniversary of Washington's surrender of his commission as Commander-in-Chief of the Army. Adjourned.

WASHINGTON, December 20.—SENATE.—A message received from the House containing the Senate amendment making the date of reassembling after the holidays, Monday, January 7. The Senate went into Executive session, and on reopening, resumed consideration of the new rules, but after a short debate the matter was postponed until after the holiday recess. The chair laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Interior transmitting copies of papers relating to the attempted transfer of the Texas Pacific Railway Company's land grant to the Southern Pacific Railway Company, of Arizona, New Mexico and California. Senate concurred in the joint resolution of the House relating to the celebration of the centennial of the surrender of the British by the United States, and the Secretary of State was requested to order a national salute from the various forts of the country on the 24th. The joint resolution passed. Adjourned until Monday.

—The Postmaster-General has received the following letter from San Francisco: "Abraham Lincoln is displeased to have no more the two-cent postal stamp for letters, etc., with his face, and Washington don't like the dirty red, but prefers the former blue. Yours respectfully, Spiritual Medium, the child of God." —Washington Star.

—During a shower at Port Hope, Can., the other day a few trout, from three to five inches long, came down in the rain, and when put into water whipped their tails with apparent gratification at finding themselves aloft again. —Detroit Post.

THE COMMONWEALTH.

Louisville Leaf Tobacco Market.
The receipts this week amounted to 800 hogheads, against 700 last week, and 490 in the corresponding week of 1882. The percentage to actual sales being 11 per cent. The market has displayed increasing animation, and prices have tended in favor of sellers. The display of Burley tobacco has been such as to take the fancy of many manufacturers and dealers, and the former have taken hold with more alacrity than in two or three weeks last preceding. One new crop hoghead sold at \$23, the highest price yet paid for 1883 tobacco. Dark and heavy tobaccos have been in more active demand, and common to medium grades of new are 25¢/50¢ higher. The principal improvement has been in common or non-descript leaf for which manufacturers, shippers and re-handlers have competed against each other. The weather conditions are considered highly favorable to the cure of the crop. We quote full-weight packages of old crop tobacco as follows:

Dark and Heavy. Burley.
Trash.....\$5 00/5 75 \$5 00/5 75
Common lugs.....5 75/6 25 6 00/6 80
Medium lugs.....6 00/6 75 7 00/8 00
Good lugs.....6 25/7 25 8 00/13 00
Common leaf.....5 75/6 75 8 00/10 00
Medium leaf.....7 50/9 00 12 00/15 00
Good leaf.....9 00/11 00 18 00/24 00
Fine and fancy leaf.....12 00/17 00 nominal.

Miscellaneous Items.

The skeleton of a man, without the head, was found a few days ago in Eagle Creek, a short distance from New Columbus, Owen County. From the clothes and length of limbs, the remains are supposed to be those of Major J. W. Rutledge, who suddenly disappeared a year ago, after making preparations to remove West, and from from no tidings had since been received. It is believed he was murdered and his body thrown into the creek.

Taz jury in the case of Will Henry Twyman, tried for killing Ed. Jackson, another negro, near Versailles about one year ago, returned a verdict a few days ago of guilty, fixing his punishment at twenty-one years in the Penitentiary. The weapon used was an old musket. The occasion was during a religious negro festival, and the cause a negro woman and bad whisky.

At Glendale, Hardin County, a few days ago, James Sweeney became involved in a difficulty with his father-in-law, named Chism, over a mule, in which Chism seized an ax and cut Sweeney's left arm off just below the elbow, and then cut a gash across the other arm. Chism is under arrest.

MAYSVILLE has recently been visited by burglars and crooks. The grocery and produce stores of Geo. T. Wood and Thomas Lowry, were broken in a few nights since, and the safes in both establishments blown open. The thieves secured about \$40 only from the two stores. They were evidently after the cash alone, as the goods were not disturbed to any great extent.

DURING the past year the State has paid \$196,918.81 for the prosecution of criminals, \$66,471.25 for the support of idiots kept by committees, and \$492,336.19 for charities, including appropriations to asylums, maintaining idiots and lunatics kept by committees, and also the cost of transporting lunatics to asylums.

MRS. AUGUSTA FLAPERT, of Louisville, was accidentally shot a few days ago. A young man named Sam C. Spotts was in the house and had a small pepper-box pistol in his pocket. He was in the kitchen, when he suddenly felt the weapon slipping through a hole in his pocket. He attempted to change it to his coat, but it got tangled up in his pants in some way, and was discharged. Mrs. Flapert entered the room at that moment, and the ball struck her squarely between the eyes, lodging in the skull bone. She will recover.

A YOUNG man named Shotman, who has been carrying the mail from Burksville to Albany, has been arrested, charged with robbing the mail-bag of registered letters on three different occasions, by means of a false key. After being jailed he attempted recently to take a dose of Rough on Rats, but was prevented by the interference of a fellow-prisoner.

HENRY GOOSE, of Lewis County, filed a suit in the United States Court at Louisville a few days ago, against W. W. Moore, an attorney residing at Vanceburg. The suit was to recover money alleged to have been obtained illegally. The petition states that Moore got Goose a pension amounting to \$5,000, and as attorney he claimed and retained \$2,000, whereas he was only entitled to \$10.

THE Court of Appeals a few days ago overruled the petition for rehearing in the case of Bruce and Champ Fitzpatrick, who are under sentence of death for the murder of a man in Adair County, the crime having been committed last August. The day fixed for their execution having passed, the Clerk of the Court of Appeals will certify the action of the Supreme Court to Governor Knott, who will then fix the day for their execution.

S. E. LANDER, sixty years old, druggist and grocer, of Calvert City, took morphine a few days ago. He had been ill for some time, and his mind is disordered. He left a note saying he had been led to kill himself by the persecutions of men who are known to have been his best friends.

DR. JOHN M. GRAVES, of Smith's Mills, Henderson County, committed suicide a few days since by strychnine. Medical aid was summoned, but he refused to swallow an antidote. Domestic infelicity is the alleged cause. He was sixty years old, and much respected.

WILLIAM H. BOWTA, an old citizen of Boyle County, while engaged in shoveling snow from in front of his door the other morning, fell dead. He was a widower with several children. Heart disease, it is thought, was the cause of his death.

THE Court of Appeals a few days since, affirmed the judgment of the Court below granting Benjamin Turner \$12,775 damages against the Louisville and Nashville Company for the loss of an arm by being struck by a train at a railway crossing.

JAMEL WINSTON, who, in company with Bob Pettit killed another negro last fall at Dry Ridge Grant County, all colored, was given twenty-one years in the Penitentiary the other day. Pettit will be tried soon.

RUFF SALLIE, charged with murdering a man named Williams, whose dead body was found in Pulaski, Pulaski County, at the foot of a cliff fifty feet high, has been acquitted.

In a fight between inmates of the Bracken County jail a few days ago, Nick Ferguson, a colored prisoner, broke the arm of an insane man named Davis.

J. H. FULLINWIDER raised on three acres of ground in Shelby County, 294 bushels of